

WAITING OPPORTUNITY.

The north is waiting opportunity to prove that it will present a more solid front to the hosts of democracy than it thought necessary to do in 1872 or in 1876. Regarded into a quiescent indifference by the preceding years of peace and prosperity under republican rule, the people saw no particular necessity of unity in action that would sound in terms unmistakable the tones of republican victory, hence followed a lukewarmness that showed in the general summing up of votes a result that gave a democratic majority in congress. Unwilling to premunite upon the perhaps unexpected power thus delegated into their hands by the temporary lethargy in republican ranks, democratic congressmen forthwith began to make their record. That those who hoped this would be more honorable than that exhibited during the last years of democratic ascendancy in the nation, were to be doomed to a bitter disappointment, a brief review of this record shows. It is written in persistent opposition to reconstruction; persistent attacks upon the public credit; persistent refusal to pass an amendment forbidding the payment of thousands of millions of southern claims; persistent opposition to the payment of pensions for soldiers who had batted for the union; persistent and unceasing efforts to turn union soldiers out of offices and their dependents of the "long lines" in the place as vacated; persistent efforts to destroy all the safeguards of pure elections; persistent determination to dismember the country; to sacrifice the people; and finally the laws and shows a grand total in the increase of public expenditures of \$41,000,000. With this record the democratic party comes before the people, unashamedly seeking to be trusted with the executive, as well as the legislative branch of the government. Reading the record as plainly written on the nation's archives of attempted subversion of law and reckless waste of money, even while making redundant economy the only watchword, and glancing briefly at the bludgeon struck, forced upon the nation a score of years ago by the same spirit of party, it is natural that now arrogancy demands the control of the government, the record that the new party is supposed to be more solid in 1880 than in the years first named is plainly recorded. The ordinary reader thus applies his knowledge and nations to an inauspicious policy of self-preservation. When unity of purpose in the administration is overwhelmed with halos the fidelity to the principles of old governments which springs to life in the name of democracy the moment that government becomes possessed of the hand. The record of the party, as shown by democratic fealty to the "Long Lines" has been plain enough and severe enough. Such a record of a north thoroughly corrupt and uncleanly be repeated. The old lesson has been recalled and intensified by the exhibition of sectional spite, and partialism, naught shown through the last few years of democratic power in congress, and the north will scarcely make better lessons in this direction, and is but waiting opportunity to show that past lessons have not been forgotten.

THE HARVEST YEAR.

It is certain that the bulk of Oregon's wheat crop must be marketed at prices very much below the range of last year. But the aggregate income to the state from the sale of this crop will very considerably exceed that of last year—the disadvantage in price being more than compensated by increase of production. Liner country, whose fields were devastated by fire in 1879, and to yield nothing, will export thousands of bushels of prime wheat; land, where also the crop last year amounted to little, has produced wonderfully, and in every other country the surplus exceeds that of any previous year. Oregon could sell this year's wheat product at 90 cents per bushel, which will not fail to do, at the end of the season count as much in net receipts as she did last, when \$1 per bushel and advances upon that sum were readily obtained. The season has been more unfortunate for the vast grain plains of Eastern Washington and Idaho. Unusually severe weather has reduced production fully one-third as compared with last year, and so damage has entailed heavy loss in nearly all districts. The early and late portions are diminished, and probably cannot be reduced, and leave the producer nothing for the middle portion. The wheat of Walla Walla at harvest time is not far behind, and the highest prices in the market are not far off at the highest prices in the market, and farmer less than twenty cents per bushel; while poor wheat is available at any price and not worth even the cost of market, so far as the prices from Walla Walla to Portland. There are no prospects for an advance in price, and the market is very poor, and the only thing for the wheat farmer to do is to make the best of every bad situation and look to the future for good harvests and good prices, leading to stability and better times.

Temperature gradually favorable of the fact that the restrictive laws now upon our statutes interfere to a certain extent with the major traffic are inoperative, because in advance of public sentiment, consisting of such sweeping series of legislation as would be the case of a law of Congress, and the major traffic is not to be reduced, and leave the producer nothing for the middle portion. The wheat of Walla Walla at harvest time is not far behind, and the highest prices in the market are not far off at the highest prices in the market, and farmer less than twenty cents per bushel; while poor wheat is available at any price and not worth even the cost of market, so far as the prices from Walla Walla to Portland. There are no prospects for an advance in price, and the market is very poor, and the only thing for the wheat farmer to do is to make the best of every bad situation and look to the future for good harvests and good prices, leading to stability and better times.

Advice from Southern Oregon state that the president has met cordial welcome since passing our boundary. The greetings bestowed are spontaneous and unaffected demonstrations of pleasure at the presence, for the first time, within our borders of a chief magistrate of the nation, and while they have in the main a special significance in a political sense, they yet serve to show that our people meant Hayes and not Tilden, when voting for presidential election in 1876. The party bitterness that abounds now in the background, is no obscure in the general demonstration, which is centered all along the route as sink completely out of sight.

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